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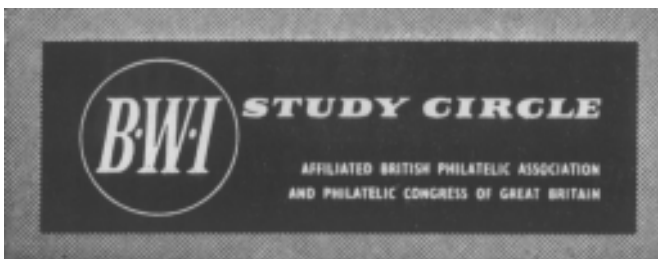
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1. TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps of the British West Indies comprising the following colonies and dependencies:

ANTIGUA	•	BAHAMAS	•	BARBADOS
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2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features (including 'Opinions' Service and a 'Wants' Section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members.

MEMBERSHIP

3. TO operate a SALES CIRCUIT to enable members to dispose of their surplus material.

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Total Membership 209



ANNIVERSARY MEETING

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 6th Anniversary meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 9th, 1960, at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of the President, Mr. G. W. Collett, through ill health, the chair was taken by Commander G. Bridgmore Brown, who extended a warm welcome to those present.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, and Messrs. A. J. Branston, K. J. Manning, C. Patrick and E. V. Toeg.

The minutes of the 5th Anniversary meeting, held on 4th April 1959, were read by the Hon. Secretary, and signed as correct.

The chairman said that arising from the minutes, he thought members would like to know that a successful visit was paid to the Sussex Convention by four members and he thought everyone enjoyed seeing the material which they had taken for display. These visits, he considered were good propaganda for the Circle.

Mr. P. T. Saunders, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, in submitting his Report, stated the total membership to date was 217, showing a nett increase of 27 on the year after deducting resignations and deaths which were four and three respectively. Most of the new members were from overseas and he thought the membership position could be regarded as satisfactory. The Statement of Accounts had been published in the April issue of the Bulletin, and in referring to some of the items in detail, mentioned that our new printers at Woburn provided a much speedier service. All members would recall the difficult situation that arose some time ago in the printing trade, resulting in higher wages, which, together with increased prices of material had raised the cost of producing our Bulletin some 20% to between £50 and £60 per quarter. Revenue from subscriptions was in the neighbourhood of £110 and from advertisers £150, but it must be appreciated that the latter was subject to fluctuation and it would not be prudent to rely too much on this source of income. Little revenue was coming in now from the Sales Circuit, and Mr. Saunders suggested that the time had now arrived to seriously consider raising the

annual subscription which had remained the same since the inauguration of the Circle in January 1954, and he proposed this should be put to the meeting. Publications Account: The balance of the Deposit Account had been transferred to a Current Account to facilitate the payment of the various charges in connection with producing the Circle's first Paper, and up to date some 150 to 160 copies had been sold.

In thanking Mr. Saunders for his Report, the chairman said these Accounts did not justify undue pessimism and so long as the membership was rising we had strong arguments in favour of the placing of advertisements.

After a general discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the annual subscription be raised to a round £1 (\$3 non-Sterling countries), on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Groves, seconded by Mr. B. B. Benwell.

Mr. W. H. H. Crow, Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit, in reporting on the present position of the Sales Circuit, said it was very poor indeed. He analysed the number of pages received and the number of Circuits during the last 12 months which had become increasingly fewer. He had received a number of complaints from members, but the remedy was entirely in their hands. Unless the material was forthcoming the position could not improve: he strongly appealed for assistance from the body of the room as it would be a great pity if the Sales Circuit had to be discontinued through lack of support, and, he added, there must be many who had duplicate material for inclusion. A lengthy discussion ensued as to ways and means of trying to improve the position and it was generally thought that apart from a further appeal to members it might be possible for Mr. Crow to approach some of the dealers who were known to supply packet material and so ensure a steady flow of material. It was also suggested that standard size sheets might be employed, as the smaller size, hitherto used, might be a means of preventing members' industry in getting together material for circulation.

Miss Titford, Hon. Librarian, reported on the Library from which, she said, few books had been borrowed; it was intended to print an up-to-date list of the Library in the October issue of the Bulletin.

Mr. B. B. Benwell presented a review on the Bulletin. Three letters were read out from overseas members in regard to: (a) publishing the addresses of members; (b) from Mr. G. J. Raymond re the formation of a

Bahamas Postal Circle; and (c) a request from one member for longer articles on definite subjects, as opposed to the present "Notes and Queries". In discussing the first item it was decided that no change in policy be made for the time being. To the second, it was decided to approach Mr. A. J. Branston and ask him to co-operate with Mr. Raymond. As regards item 3: Mr. Benwell stated he was all in favour of longer articles and it was up to the members to produce them for him. In connection with this point, the chairman said that the original idea of the Publications Committee was to produce Papers on all the Colonies; in certain of these, however, there might be insufficient information available to justify the issue of a Paper and it might be possible to publish this in the Bulletin as articles from time to time. It would be appreciated that the Papers were a long-term project and took time to compile and produce.

Commander G. Bridgmore Brown then presented the Report of the Publications Committee. The major event of the past year had been the publication of the "Introduction to the Postal History of the British West Indies", by Mr. L. E. Britnor. This had drawn quite a number of comments and criticisms, which were welcomed, and it was hoped that a revised edition might be published in the future. Work on the cancellations of Barbados was almost finished and this would most likely be the subject of the next publication in the series,

Mr. Saunders asked what the price of this new work would be as he considered the selling price of the first Paper was quite unrealistic. The chairman replied that the view was taken that members should receive these Papers at a reduced price, but that future ones would be higher.

Election of Officers: President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Editor, Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit, Hon. Librarian.

Election of Committee: B. B. Benwell, L. E. Britnor, G. W. Groves, F. Myers, Miss Rose Titford. There being no nominations for the various officers and committee, these officers and members of the committee offered themselves for re-election, and on the proposition of Mr. A. E. Beach and seconded by Mr. W. Huggins, were unanimously re-elected en bloc.

Having expressed his willingness to accept reappointment, Mr. A. J. Branston was duly re-elected Hon. Auditor on the proposition of Mr. R. Jones, seconded by Mr. J. B. Marriott, and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. W. Groves and Mr. F. Myers were appointed the Circle's Delegates to the 42nd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

It was announced that the Circle's Autumn meeting would be held at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1960, at 2.30 p.m.

The chairman then opened a discussion on the desirability of holding occasional meetings outside London. Mr. Myers invited members to a one-day Convention during 1960/61 in Leeds or neighbourhood and suggested a suitable date would be Saturday, April 15th, 1961. Whilst it was agreed in principle to support a meeting to be held in Leeds it was unanimously decided that Anniversary meetings should continue to be held at 41 Devonshire Place. The Leeds meeting could be held primarily for the benefit of our Northern Section members and it was resolved that Mr. Myers should proceed with necessary arrangements.

In concluding the formal business of the meeting, the chairman referred to the honour which had been paid by the Royal Philatelic Society, London, by their invitation to the British West Indies Study Circle to put on a display to that Society. Mr. L. J. Gilbert-Lodge, Hon. Secretary of the "Royal", had expressed his delight at the display which, he said, had been the best this season. The chairman moved a special vote of thanks to Miss Rose Titford and to Mr. Philip T. Saunders for all the splendid work they had done in organising this display, and in the production of the printed catalogue.

After the customary break for tea, items of interest were shown, and these included the following: **Tobago**, a pre-adhesive dated 4 Nov. 1796; the scarce 1d. in manuscript on half 6d. with one used on a cover as a receipt stamp, also several used on piece; some fine crowned circle "PAID AT TOBAGO" strikes, both double and single-lined circles. (A. E. Beach). A much-travelled and early prisoner-of-war cover with postage due affixed at Barberton, addressed to Bermuda. (D. G. Butt). **Trinidad**, the only early recorded Soldier's letter from Trinidad; A Trinidad stamp used on "Prices Current" to Porto Rico, presumably by printed paper rate, correctly tied; a fine example of the boxed "TOO LATE FOR BAG" which is rare. (J. B. Marriott). **Trinidad and Tobago**, the 'confetti' flaw on the K.G.VI, 6c; **St. Kitts-Nevis**, 1s. 1920/22 showing damage to "s" and short lower bar; **Cayman Islands**, 1946, 3d. with full point after 1946 (Row 2, No. 1) -

constant variety; **Dominica**, 1½d. "WAR TAX" in red with short bar to "H" (Row 5, No. 5), and St. Lucia, 1949/50, K.G.VI, 1c. and 2c. coil stamps showing paper joins (F. Myers). **Dominica**, K.G.VI, 2½d., fresh entries and retouches on various printings. (M. Steward).

In thanking those who had brought along items, the chairman said we had seen a selection of both ancient and modern and he congratulated Mr. Beach on the fine strikes of the crowned circle postmarks of Tobago.

Some 45 members and their guests attended the dinner which followed the Sixth Anniversary Meeting, at the Lord's Tavern, St. John's Wood. with Commander G. Bridgmore Brown in the chair. After the Loyal Toast, proposed by the chairman, Mr. W. F. Deakin, Managing Director of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., eloquently proposed the toast to the Circle, to which the chairman ably responded. The toast to the Visitors was proposed by Miss Rose Titford to which Mr. A. Loines Pemberton, Director of Robson Lowe, Ltd., suitably replied.

R.T.

DISPLAY

TO THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON ON THURSDAY, 24th MARCH 1960

Some 67 (and there may have been others who did not sign the visitors' book) attended this display and from the continuous conversation that took place it was very evident that the interest in many of the items on view was intense. It would have been reasonable to assume that the frames containing material of the more popular colonies would have attracted the most attention but this was far from the case. During the customary foregathering for tea the President, Mr. Ewart Gerrish, expressed his appreciation of our Circle's efforts and said that he had enjoyed all he had seen. He made particular reference to the catalogue which he considered would constitute a permanent memento of the occasion. Mr. L. J. Gilbert-Lodge, the Hon. Secretary, added that so far as he could recall it was the first occasion a professionally printed catalogue had been issued to describe a display by a specialist society. In the unavoidable absence of our President, Mr. G. W. Collett, our Founder, Mr. P. T. Saunders thanked both Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Gilbert-Lodge for their kind remarks.

R.T.

TO THE HARROGATE PHILATELIC SOCIETY ON THE 19th FEBRUARY, 1960

Four Northern members of the Study Circle visited Harrogate and the displays given were appreciated by the members present. Material shewn included the following:-

J. Grimwood - ST. LUCIA - a comprehensive display of the King George VI issues.

J. W. Thompson - a series of covers, neatly cancelled, covering a selection of all values of K.G.VI. and Q.E.II. for Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana, and British Honduras.

M. Steward - printings and varieties of the K.G.VI. issues for Bahamas, Bermuda (including the scroll flaw), Dominica, Cayman Islands and Montserrat.

W. K. Watson - JAMAICA - Pre-stamp covers, including examples of the straight line Jamaica dated 1775, 1787 and 1784, the latter being used in conjunction with a very early straight line Sav La Mar.

Although they were unable to be present, Mr. R. Ward and Mr. F. Myers sent material for display.

R. Ward - BARBADOS - a fine selection of postal history material, with examples of many of the recorded cancellations, plus pre-stamp covers from St. Vincent (fleuron mark), British Guiana (1837 without postal marking) and St. Thomas (circular date stamp).

F. Myers - a selection of stamps from the islands of Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands and St. Vincent.

TO THE BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE PHILATELIC SOCIETY ON 5th MARCH, 1960

On this occasion Messrs. J. D. Chorlton, M. Steward and W. K. Watson visited Blackpool and gave a display that was well received.

M. Steward - LEEWARD ISLANDS - printings and varieties.

W. K. Watson - JAMAICA - pre-stamp covers. **R. Ward** - BARBADOS - cancellations.

J. D. Chorlton - CAYMAN ISLANDS - a comprehensive selection of stamps including surcharges, varieties, and 'Specimen' sets, Turks and Caicos Islands - a general selection with a number of 'Specimen' overprints.

Dr. R. H. Blackburn - JAMAICA - a particularly fine display of stamps from 1860 to about 1919. The Pine issues shewn included many blocks and examples of the \$ error. The 'Ser.et errors were fully covered plus the 5d. value, and the final sheet included two examples of the 6d. Slave stamp overprinted Specimen.

SALES CIRCUIT

As you will have seen in previous notes on the Packet, owing to the size of stationery, we asked that material be mounted on unusual sized sheets. The majority of this stationery has now been used, and we can now change to normal sized booklets, i.e. 8¼ x 5¼ inches.

I hope this change will encourage members to submit more material as I know many felt it was too much trouble to reduce the size of each page, or make special sheets, and did not submit material for that reason.

Please note all Packets are of a general nature, containing material of the whole group. Owing to lack of material the specialised Packets had to be discontinued.

W. H. H. Crow

NOTES AND QUERIES

BAHAMAS

News and Notes. A copy of a July 1913 Colonial Secretary's List of Bahamas Post Offices (then numbering 48) does list then a P.O. at WHALE CAY, answering the question raised by a partial postmark "—LE CAY" in the T. Foster collection. Oddly, the GPO Nassau has not previously maintained a permanent record of Bahamas Post Offices. The Commissioner of each District within the Colony is District Postmaster, and opens and closes sub-Post Offices within his District according to the need. SubPostmasters are generally school teachers, policemen, radio operators, etc., who are moved about in assignments and thus change frequently.—A most unusual TRD was placed in use (mid-April) at Inagua, simply three straight lines (unframed) "INAGUA/ date /BAHAMAS". LOVELY BAY has new small steel die postmark (first used Jan. '60) applied in red ink. Although steel dies are available, the oval TRDs are still in use at FORBES HILL and SMITH POINT - FREEPORT is growing rapidly and has large daily mail. Besides the 30mm steel die date stamp, a

large oval TRD, "POSTMASTER'S OFFICE, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA" is apparently used to cancel letters when large mails must be postmarked hurriedly. The Postmistress will not knowingly apply it to philatelic covers.—Not seen previously reported is a 25mm postmark reading simply "ABACO" 94/24.3) of 1894, on Bahamas postcard to London. It has appearance of a rubber stamp, but may be a well-worn steel die. Reports of other examples would be appreciated.—Postmaster of Bahamas, C. S. Thompson, retires from service in May 1960; the new Postmaster-General has not yet been named. Mr. Thompson worked closely with the late H. G. D. Gisburn on his excellent BAHAMAS handbook.

It is unfortunate that existing lists of Bahamas post offices prior to WW-II have not been reported. Surely such lists must have appeared in philatelic magazines! A rare copy of a small book "Maps of the Bahama Islands" (1926) designates the Bahamas post offices at that time and brings to light the name of ROKERS POINT, Exuma, as a post office in 1926. On Long Island, ROSES and BURNT GROUND are clearly designated as "Post Office Stations". Has any reader seen postmarks of the above for this period?

Many new 30 mm. steel-die postmarks are now in use throughout the colony, replacing TRD's very rapidly. However, a new small (31 mm.) double-circle TRD is currently in use at Bimini, replacing a large 42 mm. thin-line single circle cancel (no date line), inscribed "POST OFFICE, BIMINI. BAHAMAS". The latter marking was placed in use on Jan. 1st, 1960, when their regular metal datestamp was returned to the U.K. for new year-dates, and was replaced by the small TRD by March 2nd, thus a very short life.

G. J. Raymond

Mr. Raymond also reports that he has compiled a handbook on Bahamas TRD's which he hopes to publish shortly, illustrating some 20 different types with dates of use. He would welcome reports from members of any unusual items for inclusion in this handbook. Serious students of Bahamas postal history are also invited to register their names and addresses for membership in the Bahamas Postal History Study Circle, which will be affiliated to the B.W.I.S.C. No additional subscriptions are required and all requests should be sent direct to Mr. G. J. Raymond, 6053 Hornwood Drive, Houston 36, Texas, U.S.A.

Editor

BAHAMAS (contd.)

Bahamas TRDs.

I have been studying Gisburn's T.R.D. types 23 and 25, which in my view are the same, and the more recent ones which have been described as this T.R.D. On study, although the recent ones have a resemblance to the earlier issues, my conclusion is that they are not the same. The chief difference is:-

(a) Space between inner and outer oval $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. - Gisburns 23 and 25.

(b) Space between inner and outer oval 1 mm. - recent issues.

Both types vary even among themselves and the details of those in my collection are as follows:-

TYPE (a):-

CHESTER - size of ovals - 46 mm. x 29 mm. (inner), 47 mm. x 30 mm. (outer) **size of letters** - name $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high, date letters 4 mm. high figures $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm. high, Bahamas - all except "B" in lower case, size "B" and "h" $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. others $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

My date 3rd April 1947 and in violet.

SIMMS - size of ovals - 46 mm. x $23\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (inner), 47 mm. x $24\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (outer) **size of letters** - name 3 mm., date both letters and figures 3 mm. Bahamas $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

My date 15 Dec 1942 (? Dec) in black.

SEA FLOOR - size of ovals - 46 mm. x $27\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (inner), 47 mm. x $28\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (outer) **size of letters** - name 4 mm., date letters and figures 3 mm., Bahamas - all except "B" in lower case, size of "B" and "h" $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm. others 2 mm.

My date 6th May 1940 in black.

I understand Williams Town, Lower Bogue, Industrious Hill, Cornwall and Dundas Town used this type, can any member give details of these.

TYPE (B): -

I have Forbes Hill, Freeport, Smith Point, McKennons, Seymour and Upper Bogue, I believe these are all in this type up to the present.

FORBES HILL, FREEPORT, MCKENNONS - size of ovals - 41 mm. x 26 mm. (inner), 43 mm. x 28 mm. (outer) **size of letters** - name and Bahamas 3 mm., date letters 4 mm. figures $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

Forbes Hill - my date 17 July 1959 in black. Freeport - my date 3 April 1959 in violet.

McKennons - my date 21 June 1959 in deep blue.

UPPER BOGUE - details of size as Forbes Hill, but instead of giving Name of Post Office at top and Bahamas at foot the postmark reads as follows:-

"Post Office" (at top), "Upper Bogue" at foot.

My date 20th Oct 1958 in black.

SEYMOURS - size of ovals - 44 mm. x 26 mm. (inner), 46 mm. x 28 mm. (outer) **size of letters** - name 3½ mm., Bahamas 3 mm, date letters 3 mm. figures (day) 3 mm. (year) 4 mm.

My date 22nd Sept 1959 in black.

SMITH POINT - size of ovals - 46 mm. x 27 mm. (inner), 48 mm. x 29 mm. (outer) **size of letters** name 3½ mm., Bahamas 3 mm., date letters 3½ mm. figures (day) 3 mm. (year) 4 mm.

My date is 18th Sept. 1959 in black.

Similar to type (a) but not so oval. It is difficult to describe, rather like a rectangle but has had its corners rounded. I have the following:-

POST OFFICE (top)

WEST END GRAND BAHAMA (foot) - in lower case except W.E.G.B. size - 45 mm. x 28 mm. (inner), 46 mm. x 29 mm. (outer) **size of letters** - Post Office 3 mm., name capitals and t, d and h 3 mm., others 2 mm., date letters 3½ mm., figures 3 mm.

My date 9 March 1955 in black.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE (top) - as spelt.

MAYAGUANA (foot) - size - 45 mm. x 28 mm. (inner), 46 mm. x 29 mm, (outer), **size of letters** - all except date 2½ mm., date letters 3½ mm., figures 3 mm.

My date 15th Nov. 1955 in blue-black.

I understand Abrahams Bay has also used this type, any details please.

It is difficult to measure some of the postmarks with complete accuracy, the above have been done as carefully as possible.

SCRUB HILL AND BULLOCKS HARBOUR

These two new Post Offices are now using steel c.d.s. in the new type first noted for United Estates. My dates Scrub Hill (3 Dec. 1959), Bullocks Harbour (6 Dec. 1959).

L. R. Coasby

Queen's Staircase Issues. In Harold Gisburn's textbook on the Bahamas the following matter appears in the chapter on the Queen's Staircase issues, with particular relation to the frame and vignette plate numbers:—

"The first stamps were issued on 23rd September 1901, the first consignment being of the 1d. value, on paper watermarked with Crown CC. In the margin at the S.W. corner of the sheets appeared a figure 1' in black, superimposed on a figure 1' in red, i.e., frame and vignette plate numbers respectively. . . . About

BAHAMAS (Contd.):

October, 1908, a further supply of this value appeared on much thinner paper, and bearing in the same marginal position - Vignette Plate No. 2 in black with Frame Plate No. 1 adjacent to it. . . . In 1910 a further supply of the 1d. denomination was ordered, and was placed on sale in February 1911. The paper used for this issue was much thicker than that of 1908 and was watermarked with the new Mult. Crown CA. The first supply was printed with Frame Plate 1 in combination with Vignette Plate 2, followed later (precise date not known) by a further consignment from the same vignette plate, but on this occasion allied to a new Frame Plate 2".

I am quoting the above sequences because I have recently come into possession of a corner marginal stamp of the 1d. Staircase watermarked Crown CC, on thinner paper, and in the margin appears a figure "2" in black superimposed on a figure "2" in red, i.e.. Frame Plate 2, Vignette Plate 2. This would indicate that this combination of plates must have been issued not later than October 1908, and before the change was made to the CA paper in 1911.

As the above seems to be in contradiction to Mr. Gisburn's statements, I should be glad to have other members' opinions on this matter.

Hooton Mitchell

BRITISH WEST INDIES

I recently had the opportunity of looking through a copy of 'The Royal Kalendar or complete and correct Annual Register for England, Scotland, Ireland and America for the year 1807'.

It occurred to me that the following information having a bearing on postal matters in the British West Indies and which I have extracted might be of general interest to members of the Circle.

Under General Post Office

Agent for the Falmouth Packet Boats, Benjamin Pender, Esq. - £400.

Deputy Postmaster General in Jamaica, Benjamin Barbauld, Esq.

Postmasters in the West Indies Islands:-

Grenada. Geo Chalmers, Esq.; Trinidad, Richard Galway, Esq.; Demerara, Theoph. Williams, Esq.; Dominica, Charles Court, Esq. (In another part of the

book the P.M. is given as John Gordon); Antigua, J. M'Connell, Esq.; Montserrat, R. Burke, Esq.; Tobago, Henry Francklyn, Esq.

**Included in list of the King's Packet Boats with their Stations
Falmouth and West India and America**

(The names following the name of the boat are presumably those of the Captains).

Princess Elizabeth, Kidd; Princess Amelia, Stevens; Princess Charlotte, Kerr; Chesterfield, Blight; Ld. Charles Spencer, Cotesworth; Lady Arabella, Porteus; Prince Ernest, Petre; Queen Charlotte, Mudge; Prince Adolphus, Boulderfon; Duke of Cumberland, Lawrence; Windsor Castle, Sutton; Manchester, Davies.

**Included in 'Rates of Postage of single Letters in British Pence'
Ship Letters**

For the Port of every Letter or Packet of Letters in any Port of the King's Dominions, directed to, or coming from, on board any Ship, over and above the Rates before mentioned (i.e. stated mileage rates between Post Offices in Gt. Britain, rates between Ireland, Holyhead and Milford by Packet Boats, rates between Gt. Britain and the Isle of Man by Packet Boats or rates between Gt. Britain and Guernsey and Jersey) except such as are conveyed in sealed bags under the Act of 39 Geo III cap 36 - 1d.

For every Letter or Packet coming from on Ship board for the Town where landed, or the Delivery thereof - 1d. - with the Penny paid to the Master, Mariner or Passenger bringing the same, being for every such Letter or Packet except as before excepted - 2d.

Letters or Packets conveyed outward in sealed Bags, under the Act of 39 Geo III cap 36 are chargeable with half a rate of Packet-Postage.

Ditto, inwards, in addition to the Inland Postage - 4d.

**The West India Islands and North America.
Postage of single letters in British Pence**

For letters conveyed by Packet boats between Gt. Britain and any port in the West India Islands or North America over and above all other rates - 13d.

In addition to which these letters are chargeable with the internal Rates of Postage according to the distance to and from Falmouth.

For letters conveyed by Packet Boats from any Port in the West India Islands or the King's Dominions in North America to any other Port thereof - 4d.

BRITISH WEST INDIES (Contd.)

For the Inland conveyance of letters in the said Dominions between any Office and any Place not exceeding 60 English miles - 4d.

For any distance above 60 and not exceeding 100 miles - 6d. For any distance above 100 and not exceeding 200 miles - 8d. and so in proportion, the Postage increasing 2d. a single letter for every distance above every 100 miles.

P. W. Hosking

GRENADA

King George V Key and Duty Type colours – Grenada - 1912 MCA and 1921 Script CA. I have noted in my B.W.I. collections, that, with the exception of Grenada, the 2d. value in the Key and Duty or corresponding types of the 1912 MCA and 1921 Script CA issues, is grey in colour, (or a varying shade of grey).

With Grenada, however, the 2d. values (S.G. Nos. 93 and 115), are orange, the 2d. value in grey (S.G. No. 129), being introduced only in 1926, and after a 2½d. value (S.G. No. 124) had been produced in the conventional grey.

Grenada apparently adopted in 1906 the Colonial Universal Colour Scheme, for all values other than the 2d.

Is there any official reason for this value being the "odd man out"?

J. M. Lockie

JAMAICA

With reference to Miss Titford's comments in Bulletin 18, regarding Jamaica Transit marks, I have one similar to Mr. Gaston's, on a cover from Port-au-Prince, Hayti to Boston, Mass, with JAMAICA/TRANSIT in two lines, backstamped Kingston Ap 19 83, also New York transit stamp in circle and circular PAID/ALL in curved letters in the circle, with large D in centre. This letter mailed from Port-au-Prince on April 14, 1883 and inscribed 'Via Jacmel' in script.

Alfred N. Johnson

Unrecorded Variety. Upon examination of around 300 copies of S.G.128, I have found two copies with what appears to be an unrecorded variety. From the back of the automobile there appears to project a "tailpipe". Can any member confirm this is a constant variety and give the position on the sheet?

Alfred H. Johnson

Jamaica Postmarks. Regarding Mr. Surtees' query on Jamaica S.G.71 and 74 (Bulletin 25, page 27), I have copies of both S.G.71 and S.G.74, watermark sideways, in my collection. Both are used.

S.G. No. 71 - double-lined circular postmark with (S)avanna(h) town name. The date is not on the stamp.

S.G. No. 74 - double-lined circular postmark with (AN)tonio town name. Again the date is not on the stamp.

Neither of these were purchased at H. R. Harmer's auctions, and the price paid for the former does not suggest that it is unduly rare. Possibly I was fortunate, though!

Express Delivery - earliest known date. I have in my collection of covers one postmarked Montego Bay, FE 20 33, Jamaica, and addressed to New York. In addition to the dark blue/pale blue air mail label, and the Montego Bay registration label, there is also a red/white "special delivery" label, inscribed "**EXPRES** - Special Delivery - 2977".

Postmarks on the reverse indicate that the cover passed through Kingston, Jamaica, on Feb. 21st, 1933; Air mail Field, Miami on Feb. 24th, 1933; arrived in New York on Feb. 25th, and was delivered to the address on the same day.

Another cover posted in Montego Bay on the same date, to the same address in New York, but not sent by Special Delivery was delivered at the New York address on Feb. 27th, 1933.

Can any member explain why the Special Delivery label should be bilingual, and if it originated in Jamaica or in New York?

Dr. J. M. Lockie

TURKS ISLANDS

I shall be grateful if members who specialise in the early issues of this colony would inform me, through the Hon. Secretary, which of the two watermarks, i.e. upright or sideways CC they have found to be more common in any or all of the four values. 1d., 4d., 6d. and l/- (S.G. 49-52)

Rose Titford.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

As you will have read elsewhere our display to the Royal Philatelic Society was a great success. A Fellow of the "Royal" of some 35 years' standing remarked to me that in all the displays he had seen at "41" he could not recall another like ours which showed such a variety of material and given him so much pleasure. These words coming from one who is not given to uttering superlatives, I regarded as high praise indeed. Within a few days of this Bulletin reaching you the London International Stamp Exhibition will be opened and I hope many of our members will find time to attend, as the opportunity to view such a wealth of material in this country contributed by collectors from all over the world comes but once in a decade. On a number of occasions in recent months I have been asked why our Circle has never held a convention which is a regular feature in the programmes of a number of societies. The matter was discussed at our Anniversary Meeting in April and it was generally thought that such a function might take the place of our usual autumn meeting. I have made some tentative enquiries with a view to holding such a function in October, 1961, in Bedford. This interesting town on the River Ouse has an excellent train service both to London, the Midlands and the North; also cross-country connections to Oxford and Cambridge. Although the date is a long way off I shall be glad to receive comments and suggestions from members who are interested in the project. Once again it is my very pleasant duty to announce the enrolment of the following new members: J. F. Ayre (Canada); C. R. Barnard, H. E. Box (Trinidad); S. C. Durnin, E. M. Erickson (U.S.A.); A. Gibson, R. S. Hall (Canada); W. Huggins, M. Kantor (Northern Rhodesia); L. R. Malin (Australia); D. C. Meyerson (U.S.A.), and Dr. R. P. Towers (Eire).

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OBITUARY

It is with regret that we learn of the death of one of our members, Mr. A. Jones, of Esher, Surrey. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family in their sad loss.

THE LIBRARY

Recent additions to our at present small Library include "The Yachtsman's Guide to the Bahamas", the gift of Mr. G. J. Raymond and compiled and illustrated by Harry Etheridge (1910-1957) and Thomas Waddington and is an official publication of the Development Board, Nassau, Bahamas. This is full of interesting data and should be useful to Bahamas specialists. A series of Colonial Reports for many of the British West Indies Colonies over a period of years has also been gifted by Mrs. R. C. Cade. It is hoped to publish a complete list of books in the Library in the October issue of the Bulletin.

Jamaica Study Group

Our member, Mr. Howard J. Gaston, has recently formed a Jamaica Study Group in the U.S.A. The aims of the Group are to publish a regular Bulletin, offer a New Issue service at cost to members, facilities for trading duplicate material and an Expertising Service. All members joining prior to November 1st 1960 will be Charter Members and membership fee will be \$2.00.

Complete information may be had on request from Mr. Howard J. Gaston, College Highway, Granby, Conn., U.S.A.

Trinidad Philatelic Society

Members may be interested to know that the Hon. Sec. of the Trinidad Philatelic Society, Mr. H. E. Box, P.O. Box 596, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I. is always glad to hear from collectors Interested in Trinidad stamps. The Society, which is anxious to strengthen its membership in the U.K. has just started a new bi-monthly series of bulletins. The annual subscription is 10/6d. and further details can be obtained from the Hon. Sec.

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